

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Brioni, et al.

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Title: THE USE OF SELECTIVE

DOPAMINE BY RECEPTOR AGONISTS

FOR TREATING SEXUAL

DYSFUNCTION

Case No.: 6753.US.02

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Examiner: Bahar, Mojdeh

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 and is accompanied by a Petition To Revive An Unintentionally Abandoned Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137 (b).

Claims 1-30 are pending.

Claims 1, 5, 15-22, 26, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 23, 25, 27 and 29 stand rejected. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected subject matter of the instant application.

The Applicants mistakenly elected claims 16 and 39 in the August 8, 2002 Response,

where claims 14 and 29 should have been elected.

Claims 1, 5, 22 and 26 (all in part), 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 23, 25, 27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Glase et al. and Zorn et al in view of US 5,714,487 to Sanner. Sanner does not teach or suggest the use of D4 ligands for the treatment of sexual dysfunction. The Glase reference describes a D4 selective agonist and states that it may provide a useful tool in determining the contribution of D4 receptors to schizophrenia. Zorn merely discloses CP226269 as a selective D4 agonist. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest the use of D4 agonist for treating sexual dysfunction.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims.

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